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SUBJECT: CROATIAN ELECTRICAL ENERGY CRISIS EASES IN SHORT TERM

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SUMMARY: WARM WEATHER, EXTENSIVE PRECIPITATION, AND A CONTINUING PROGRAM OF "SUPERVISED SELF-DISCIPLINE" IN UTILIZATION ELECTRIC POWER HAVE COMBINED TO EASE CROATIA'S ENERGY CRISIS. POWER CUTS DISCONTINUED AND MOST WORK SCHEDULES BACK TO NORMAL. END SUMMARY

1. UNSEASONABLY WARM WEATHER COUPLED WITH EXTENSIVE PRECIPITATION PAST TWO WEEKS HAS, ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN CROATIAN POWER INDUSTRY, INCREASED COUNTRY'S HYDROELECTRIC RESERVES TO OVER ONE BILLION KWH (ABOUT 33 PER CENT OF RESERVOIR CAPACITIES). THUS CROATIA, 70 PER CENT OF WHOSE OWN PRODUCTION HYDROELECTRIC, ANTICIPATES SUFFICIENT POWER AVAILABILITIES--PERHAPS ON SOMEWHAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REDUCED SCHEDULE-- AT LEAST THROUGH FEBRUARY.

2. PROGRAM "SELF-DISCIPLINE" PUT IN FORCE DEC 23, HOWEVER, CONTINUES IN SOMEWHAT LIBERALIZED FORM. PRESS JAN 9 PUBLISHED NAMES CERTAIN MAJOR INDUSTRIAL USERS IN ZAGREB SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE FINES FOR EXCEEDING THEIR QUOTA DURING DEC 4-22, 1973, WHILE NOTING THAT SAME FIRMS MANAGED TO STAY WITHIN AUTHORIZED LIMITS DURING PERIOD DEC 22-JAN 3.

3. COMMENT: DURING DECEMBER, SOME FIRMS REPORTEDLY STILL WORRYING ABOUT ACHIEVING 1973 PRODUCTION PLANS; THEREFORE, SUBSEQUENT EXECUTION OF SAVINGS PROGRAM MAY HAVE BEEN EASIER. DURING FIRST WEEK JANUARY, ZAGREB CITY CONSUMPTION AS A WHOLE, ANNOUNCED AS 11.5 PER CENT BELOW AUTHORIZED LIMITS. THUS, ZAGREB CONSUMERS, WHETHER OUT OF FEAR AUDIT OF ELECTRIC BILLS, FURTHER POWER CUTS, OR BECAUSE OF "SOLIDARITTY," APPEAR TO BE MAKING PROGRAM OF "SUPERVISED SELF-DISCIPLINE" EFFECTIVE. PRESS STATES THAT ESTIMATES INDUSTRIAL LOSSES SHOULD BE COMPLETED "VERY SOON."
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